



## The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

7 April 2014

Governmental Advisory Committee  
Via, Ms. Heather Dryden  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Advice – .AMAZON (and related IDNs)

Dear Ms. Dryden:

I am pleased to inform you that the ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) continues to make progress to address the open item of advice from the GAC concerning the New gTLD Program applications for .AMAZON, and related IDNs. As you are aware, in its Durban Communiqué, the GAC advised the ICANN Board that “the GAC has reached consensus on GAC Objection Advice according to Module 3.1 part I of the Applicant Guidebook on the following application: .amazon (application number 1-1315-58086) and related IDNs in Japanese (application number 1-1318-83995) and Chinese (application number 1-1318-5591).”

As previously reported, ICANN commissioned an independent, third-party expert to provide additional advice on the specific issues of application of law at issue. The analysis attached has been received and is being considered by the NGPC as it continues to deliberate on the appropriate next steps to address the GAC’s advice on .AMAZON (and related IDNs).

ICANN provides this analysis to keep the parties informed and welcomes any additional information that they believe is relevant to the NGPC in making its final decision on the GAC’s advice on .AMAZON (and related IDNs). ICANN has requested that Amazon EU S.à r.l. (the applicant of the .AMAZON applications identified in the GAC’s advice) submit any additional information by 14 April 2014.

The NGPC is committed to giving due consideration to the complex issues at the crux of the matter, and reiterates its commitment to the most timely response possible to all interested parties including the distinguished members of the GAC. We appreciate the collaboration of the GAC in the New gTLD Program and all of its deliberations and inputs to the process.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Crocker  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors